1	HOUSE BILL NO. 1890
2	AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
3	(Proposed by the House Committee on Education
4	on)
5	(Patron Prior to SubstituteDelegate Tata)
6	A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Subtitle I of Title 23.1 a chapter numbered 3.1,
7	containing articles numbered 1, 2, and 3, consisting of sections numbered 23.1-311 through 23.1-
8	315, relating to public institutions of higher education; veterans of the uniformed services; data;
9	guaranteed admissions for eligible veteran applicants.
10	Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:
11	1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Subtitle I of Title 23.1 a chapter numbered
12	3.1, containing articles numbered 1, 2, and 3, consisting of sections numbered 23.1-311 through 23.1-
13	315, as follows:
14	CHAPTER 3.1.
15	VIRGINIA PROMISE TO VETERANS; REPORTING; GUARANTEED ADMISSION.
16	Article 1.
17	<u>Definitions and Purpose.</u>
18	§ 23.1-311. Definitions.
19	As used in this chapter, unless the context requires a different meaning:
20	"Eligible veteran applicant" means any individual applying for admission to any public institution
21	of higher education in the Commonwealth who (i) is a veteran member of the uniformed services, (ii) is
22	permanently and totally disabled as a result of his active duty service in the uniformed services, and (iii)
23	(a) graduated from a high school in the Commonwealth or (b) graduated from a high school in a state other
24	than the Commonwealth and served in the uniformed services while assigned to a location in the
25	Commonwealth.
26	"High school" means any public or private secondary school for grades nine through 12

27	"Uniformed services" means the United States Armed Forces, including the Army, Navy, Air
28	Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard; National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned
29	Officer Corps; the commissioned corps of the U.S. Public Health Service; and the Virginia National
30	Guard.
31	"Veteran" or "veteran member of the uniformed services" means any individual who served in the
32	uniformed services and was discharged or released from such service under conditions other than
33	dishonorable.
34	§ 23.1-312. Purpose.
35	The purpose of this chapter is to remove barriers to higher education for veteran members of the
36	uniformed services and help assist such veterans in making the transition to civilian life in the
37	Commonwealth.
38	Article 2.
39	Reporting.
40	§ 23.1-313. Public institutions of higher education; reporting.
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53	3. The amount of any application fees waived for eligible veteran applicants at such institution;
54	<u>and</u>
55	4. Any additional support, service, or assistance provided to participating eligible veteran
56	applicants who enrolled at such institution.
57	Article 3.
58	Guaranteed Admission for Eligible Veteran Applicants.
59	§ 23.1-314. Admission of eligible veteran applicants guaranteed; criteria; process.
60	A. Each public institution of higher education in the Commonwealth shall, upon application,
61	accept for admission to such institution any eligible veteran applicant who otherwise meets the admissions
62	requirements to enroll as an undergraduate student.
63	B. The Council, in collaboration with the System, shall develop guidelines for the governing board
64	of each public institution of higher education relating to the administration of the provisions of this article.
65	C. The Council, in collaboration with the System, shall develop guidelines for potential eligible
66	veteran applicants providing information on this article and any additional resources available to eligible
<b>67</b>	veteran applicants for further guidance on the application process at any public institution of higher
68	education.
69	§ 23.1-315. Construction.
<b>70</b>	A. Except as it relates to the admission of eligible veteran applicants, nothing in this article shall
71	be construed to change any policy or practice of any public institution of higher education, including any
72	additional admissions criteria or prioritization for capped enrollment academic programs.
73	B. The provisions of this article shall be construed in a manner consistent with applicable state and
74	federal law.

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